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"The Hampden-Sydney student will behave as a gentleman at all times and in all places."

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COLLEGE BEGINS 250TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

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250 years is a long time, at least by American standards. Just two short years from now, Hampden-Sydney College will celebrate its 250th Anniversary. In preparation for the big party, the College's 250th Anniversary Committee — which includes Mr. Thomas H. Shomo '69, Trustee Eugene Hickok '72, and Dr. Caroline Emons — is planning to host a series of events over the next three years, with the goal of raising awareness about the history of Hampden-Sydney and its founders. An official website with details is set to launch sometime this fall.

The first major event is happening this November. Traditionally, Hampden-Sydney celebrates "Founder's Day" on November 10. This Founder's Day will be a little different, however. November 10th is the Friday before the Macon Game, so the College has opted to move programming to November 9th. On the afternoon of November 9th, the College plans to host a community discussion panel. That same evening, Christy Coleman, the executive director of the James-town-Yorktown Foundation, will deliver an address.

The next event will take place when the College remembers the 60th anniversary of Bobby Kennedy's visit to campus this upcoming spring. The Anniversary Committee plans to use this occasion to examine Hampden-Sydney's history before, during, and after the civil rights movement.

During the fall of 2024, the Atkinson Museum is planning to display special exhibits about John Hampden and Algernon Sydney. There will also be opportunities for students to help with archival research (email

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DESIREE WASHINGTON TAKES CHARGE OF REBRANDED OFFICE OF CULTURE AND INCLUSION

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At the end of last year, the college announced that after three years in the position Dr. Hollemon, the college's first Dean of Inclusive Excellence, had been selected to work on DEI initiatives at a national level. At the same time, the college announced the change of the position Dr. Hollemon would be vacating from the "Dean of Inclusive Excellence" to the "Dean of Culture and Inclusion." Over the summer, this position would go on to be filled by Ms. Desiree Washington. Ms. Washington joins us after a career of initiatives stretching back to her time as

ception that there is only one type of Hamden-Sydney man," so "this work was necessary here" and "there's a lot of opportunities to do this type of work here." Ms. Washington elaborated further that, because "it's a small school," she looks forward to seeing the visible impacts of her work in a more personal place where changes in culture and demographics are more immediately noticeable.

After being asked about her plans for her work at Hampden-Sydney, Ms. Washington said that she has been working closely with the MSU since she met the president when he sat on her hiring committee and that she looks forward to

Aid kind of way." She added that she would like to go beyond diversifying recruitment to ensure "that as we diversify our student population, we are providing programs for them to thrive" and that we connect the "traditional Hampden-Sydney man ... with the not-so-traditional Hampden-Sydney man," so that they can work together when they get out into society. "I'm

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GRAHAM HALL UNDER NEW LEADERSHIP

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The Hampden-Sydney Admission's team, once lauded for its stability, has undergone notable changes in recent years. Following the retirement of longtime Dean Anita Garland, the admissions department was then headed by Dean Jason Ferguson '96. "Ferg," as many referred to him, led admissions through a difficult period during the COVID-19 pandemic. Just last August, Ferg left for a new role at nearby Longwood University, leaving an open seat in the Dean's office.

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MERIWEATHER-GODSEY ADJUSTS TIGER INN HOURS

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The Tiger Inn's weekday hours have been reduced from previous semesters. In previous semesters, the Tiger Inn opened at 7:00 a.m. on weekdays, not closing until 1:00 a.m. the following morning. This semester, however, the Tiger Inn will begin opening at 8:00 a.m. and close at 11:00 p.m. on weekdays. One Tiger

Inn employee cited a lack of business as the reason for the reduced hours. This employee provided an example of two days where the total revenue from both nights did not cover the wage of one employee for one night—an occurrence that was common enough to lead to the hours being cut. At this time, there is currently no significant opposition to the decreased hours.



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Coming to The Hill alongside the freshmen and transfer students is a new Dean of Admissions, Ms. Chrystal Russell. Dean Russell comes by way of Case Western Reserve University in Cleveland, Ohio. There she served as the Director of Undergraduate Admission. Her prior experience in navigating differing educational environments has equipped her with skills that will advance an "ambitious" goal that President Stimpert recently referred to in his annual presidential report. The goal, he outlined, is to elevate the College's reach so that

all young men who hope to enter college will consider Hampden-Sydney. Dean Russell is ready to tackle this challenge.

At first, Russell was reluctant to apply for the job. "I got on the plane to come here as a favor," she told me in an interview. After coming to campus and finishing a meticulous interview process, Russell realized that it was the perfect spot for her. While she enjoyed her previous role at Case Western, she revealed that her "heart was in the liberal arts." Soon after, Ms. Russell found out that the

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WILSON CENTER BRINGS BLUE RIDGE SCHOOL ADMINISTRATOR ON AS DIRECTOR

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At the conclusion of the 2021-22 school year, Dr. Ryan Pemberton bid farewell to Hampden-Sydney. Dr. Pemberton had led Hampden-Sydney's Wilson Leadership Program since 2018 and, with his departure, the school began looking for someone else to fill in the role of director for the program. Mr. Vinton Bruton IV was the man chosen to continue leading the program and will start as the program's director this fall semester. Mr. Bruton previously served as Associate Headmaster of Blue Ridge School, an all-male boarding school in St. George, Virginia, for 15 years before joining Hampden-Sydney. Having learned of Hampden-Sydney through Blue Ridge students that planned to attend, he already had some idea of the College

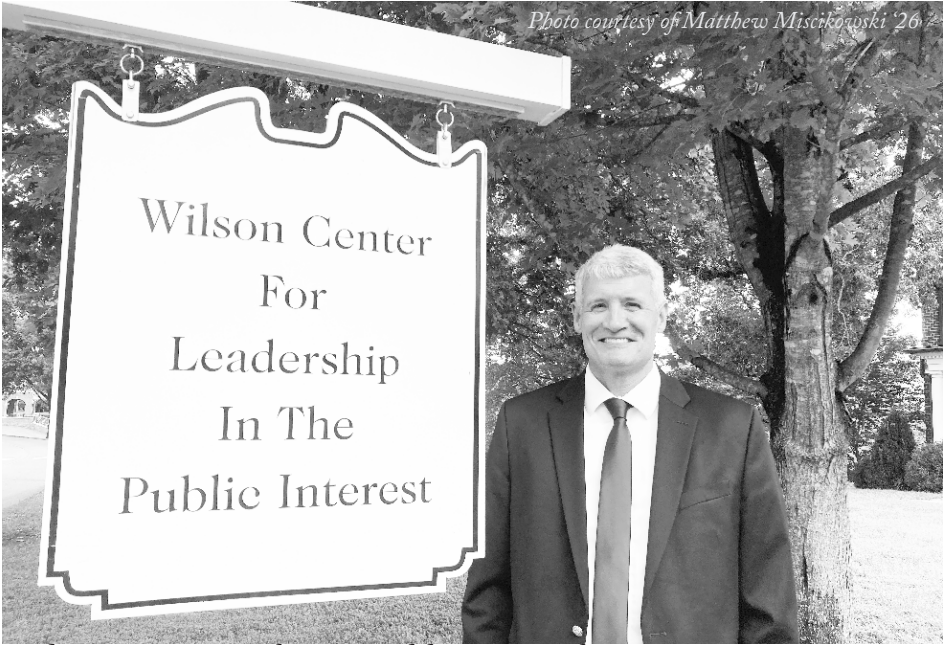


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and its core values. It wasn't until he saw an opening for director of the Wilson Leadership Program that he would find himself at Hampden-Sydney as the new program director. Mr. Bruton has already amassed experience of teach-

In addition to his time at Blue Ridge School, Mr. Bruton has a very decorated career in the military. Mr. Bruton was a member of the U.S Marine Corps where he would eventually reach the rank of major according to an article by Blue Ridge School. Much

clude his impressive list of achievements, he attained a masters in leadership. Mr. Bruton's accumulated knowledge of leadership through his life experiences has made him an extremely qualified individual to lead the Wilson Leadership Program.

The change in leadership from Dr. Pemberton to Mr. Bruton will obviously bring changes to the Wilson Leadership Program. Mr. Bruton has said that he intends to keep the core values of the program unchanged. Hav-

It is Mr. Bruton's hope that all students . . . will benefit from his upcoming "learning to lead from experience" approach that will be making its debut in September.

ing young men the necessary skills to succeed in life from Blue Ridge School.

more, he also served in a volunteer fire-fighting squad for some time. To con-

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RUSSELL, CONT'D

job was hers, becoming the next Dean of Admissions at Hampden-Sydney. "It is an honor and a challenge," Russell remarked on what excites her most about the new role. With the unique nature of the College, she is embracing a streamlined way of recruiting. She praised the work that her team is doing all around the country: first educating students about what the school offers, then encouraging them to visit our campus. When asked about the short-term goals for the admissions team, she was straightforward. "We need three-hundred plus a class," she answered firmly. Numbers for her, however, do not tell the entire story: "We are bringing in the right kids who are going to be great fits all the way around," she added. Dean Russell knows that the caliber of the school and the people speak for themselves. Her big-

gest hope for prospective students is to "just give us a shot to show what we are all about." She holds a strong willingness to use current students in recruiting efforts. Russell hopes that the student body will keep being themselves. "Continue saying hello, be friendly, and make an effort to introduce yourself to these students," she urged. H a m p - den-Sydney found an experienced and modern thinker to lead a new era in admissions. Dean Russell, though as qualified a leader and recruiter as they come, cannot do it alone. It is an "all hands-on deck" effort to increase the school's enrollment and national profile. With a combined effort, there is hope that the next 250 years of Hampden-Sydney will continue to attract "good men and good citizens."

CROSSWORD ANSWERS,

8/17/23

Across

- 1. mincing
- 7. serge
- 8. lilt
- 9. burlesque
- 10. remunerative
- 11. panorama
- 14. rectilinear
- 16. boondoggle
- 19. inscrutable
- 22. parmigiana
- 24. stupefaction
- 25. dour
- 26. lank
- 27. jocose
- 28. tarpaulin
- 30. somnolent
- 33. persiflage
- 35. saturnine
- 40. gewgaw
- 41. taciturnity
- 43. detritus
- 44. acrid
- 48. cashmere
- 49. grenadine
- 50. abulia
- 51. pettish
- 52. panoply
- 54. demure
- 56. irascible
- 57. boudoir
- 58. cabarets

Down

- 2. gilt
- 3. torrid
- 4. contralto
- 5. supercilious
- 6. divan
- 7. serendipity
- 12. raconteur
- 13. mellifluous
- 15. cardsharp
- 17. obsequious
- 18. morose
- 20. syncopated
- 21. puckered
- 23. fetid
- 29. cerise
- 31. cabalistic
- 32. deprecate
- 34. frangipani
- 36. tawdry
- 37. effulgent
- 38. bract
- 39. murk
- 42. piquant
- 45. plash
- 46. truculent
- 47. dinette
- 48. cajolery
- 53. argot

ANNIVERSARY, CONT'D

Dr. Emmons or Dr. Werth if interested). During the spring of 2025, the Committee plans to have the history department offer a "History of Hampden-Sydney" course. There are also plans to open an archeological dig on the old campus

that will add a dimension to the archival research from the previous fall. March 23, 2025 marks the 250th anniversary of Patrick Henry's famous "give me liberty or give me death" speech. The Anni-

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LIFE

THE HISTORY COLUMN:
THE LAST SURRENDER

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On April 9, 1865, at Appomattox Court House, Generals Ulysses S. Grant and Robert E. Lee would meet to discuss surrender terms for Lee’s Army of Northern Virginia. Three days later on April 12, the Army of Northern Virginia would officially surrender. Lee’s surrender at Appomattox is one of the most famous events of the Civil War, but it should be remembered that Lee was surrendering just one of the few Confederate armies that still remained in the field. Later that month on April 26 General Joseph Johnston would surrender the Army of the Tennessee, which was at this point in North Carolina. On May 4 General Richard Taylor would surrender Confederate troops in East Louisiana, Mississippi, and Alabama, and on May 10 Jefferson Davis was captured in south Georgia.

While most Confederate troops surrendered within the weeks following Lee’s surrender, there were a few Confederate units that would not surrender until months later. One such example was the CSS *Shennandoah*, a Confederate cruiser which under the command of Commander James Iredell Waddell would not find out about the war’s end un-

August of 1863 in a Scottish port, when it was built to serve in merchant capacities trading tea and transporting troops. The ship functioned as so until it was secretly purchased by the Confederate Navy on October 18 of 1864. The ship underwent changes to outfit it for its job as a merchant ship raider and it was officially commissioned on October 19. The ship then

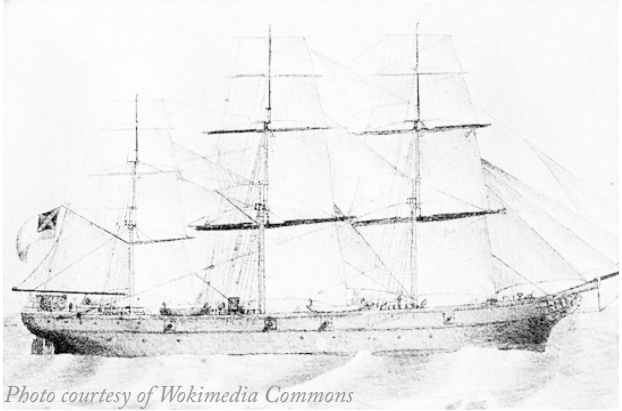


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til early August of 1865, and would not formally surrender until November of that same year. His surrender would thus be the last Confederate surrender of the war.

But how did Commander Waddell end up in such a situation? The story of the CSS *Shenandoah* begins in the

began its mission of raiding Union merchant shipping, particularly whaling vessels, as it made its way from the Atlantic through the Indian and into the Pacific. As the ship left the British isles and made its way south to the Cape of Good Hope it captured six union ships, of

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CHRISTIAN’S CORNER:
LOOK TO THE SOUL

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My fellow members of the Hampden-Sydney community, welcome to The Hill and the 2023-2024 academic year. For many, Hampden-Sydney provides an oasis in an otherwise dry world. There are friends to be reunited with, discs to be thrown, and games to be tailgated. Or, perhaps just getting away from society and basking in the bubble that is Hampden-Sydney College clears the mind. Although there are many benefits for the mind and body that can be reaped from the Hampden-Sydney environment, what can the soul take away? Better yet, what is the soul?

The Greek word ψυχή (psuche), meaning “soul,” occurs 102 times in the New Testament. These occurrences are spread out across a wide variety of topics and can create confusion as to what the soul constitutes.

Furthermore, many New Testament instances and Christian attitudes imply that the soul cannot be seen. There exists no physical evidence for a soul and believing each human has a soul requires its own leap of faith: “Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed” (John 20:29). Then, why worry about the soul? Christianity already requires enough faith. Throughout this semester each article of the Christian’s Corner will aim to study specific scripture that mentions the word “soul” and try to establish the importance of the soul to a Christian. Even if you are not a Christian or find yourself on the fence about Christianity, these articles will have takeaways for everyone. As you will come to see, the soul may touch all aspects of life just as all aspects of life may touch the soul.

To start, a very insightful passage in Matthew helps to define the

soul. Mathew 16:26 says, “For what will it profit a man if he gains the whole world and forfeits his soul? Or what shall a man give in return for his soul?” Immediately, a relationship can be drawn between the world and the soul. Things of the world include material possessions, physical capabilities, and human relationships. A person may be rich or poor, popular or friendless; yet, the person might still “forfeit” their soul. Similarly, the second line “Or what shall a man give in return for his soul?” emphasizes the priority of the soul over worldly things. The answer that the Gospel wants from this rhetorical question is “anything.” Anything the world may offer is worth giving up for the sake of the soul. Why? Why might a Christian need to give up their 25-year friendship or their six-figure job? The next verse might help: “For the Son of Man is going

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TIGER TALES

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It hadn’t been the boy’s fault. Truly, it hadn’t. He was just thirteen years old. He had only been looking for some fun, a bit of excitement. There was only one problem with that, of course: at his age, he shouldn’t have been doing that anymore.

The Dictatorship in his country had risen to power so long ago that no person alive could remember a time without it. Few ever saw the infamous Dictator himself anymore—rumors

were spreading that he had grown old and weak—but he still managed to enforce his regime with an iron fist. And as part of those efforts, the Dictator had done his level best to eradicate the concept of childhood. One of his first decrees had been that all free will and imagination should be stamped out of children before they reached thirteen years of age.

No child questioned this since none of them had been raised to think any other way. All they knew was that their parents

seemed perfectly happy to conform



to the standards the Dictatorship set for them—and parents do hold an almost unrivaled influence over their children.

At first, many youngsters had refused to come quietly. Even so, very

few had held out long enough to be-

come free-thinking adults, and those who did had been hunted down for ‘re-education.’ As time wore on, the number of nonconformists dwindled to almost none. Therefore, this boy was an anomaly,

and one of the first ones to be seen for quite some time. Despite that fact, his life carried on as normal until one fateful summer’s day, when the last vestiges of individualism in his brain rose up to take control of him. It all began in the forest behind his home, on a day like any other. Only a week before he had graduated from primary school, and three months remained until he would begin his secondary schooling to learn a trade. For a brief time at least, he had the freedom to do as he chose.

The boy’s black hair shone in the early morning light, and his bright blue eyes sparkled as he strolled along, enjoying the sunshine on his face and the soft ground under his feet. His father, an important local official, had gone to work that day, and his mother had taken the opportunity to clean the house, instructing her son to keep out of her way. The boy had had no problem obeying her demand. As he paced contentedly, something on the ground caught his eye. It was just a

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SPORTS

FEATURE: THE KING FROM QUEENS-
‘MEL’ THOMPSON, LINEBACKER

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SPORTS EDITOR

Position: Linebacker
Height: 6'2
Hometown: Queens, NY

Although Tramell Thompson's career stats might not blow you away, numbers have not always painted a clear picture. Qualitative evidence points to Tramell Thompson being a one-of-a-kind player. As an avid football fan, I feel like you cannot put a monetary value on effort. With that notion in mind, #93 plays like a dog every single time he steps onto the field. Tramell started in all 10 games last year, which is no small accomplishment. During those 10 games, he produced a statline of 39 total tackles, 8 tackles for a loss, and 1 force fumble. Tramell Thompson's most notable accomplishment, however, was being elected by his fellow peers this year as a team captain. With Mel and other names like JR Salvi and Will Pick-

ren leading the way for our Tigers on defense, we are certainly in good hands as a team. Unfortunately, our star linebacker only has

know people. With that in mind, what makes you tick as a person? Who is Tramell Thompson? I believe my extroverted attributes

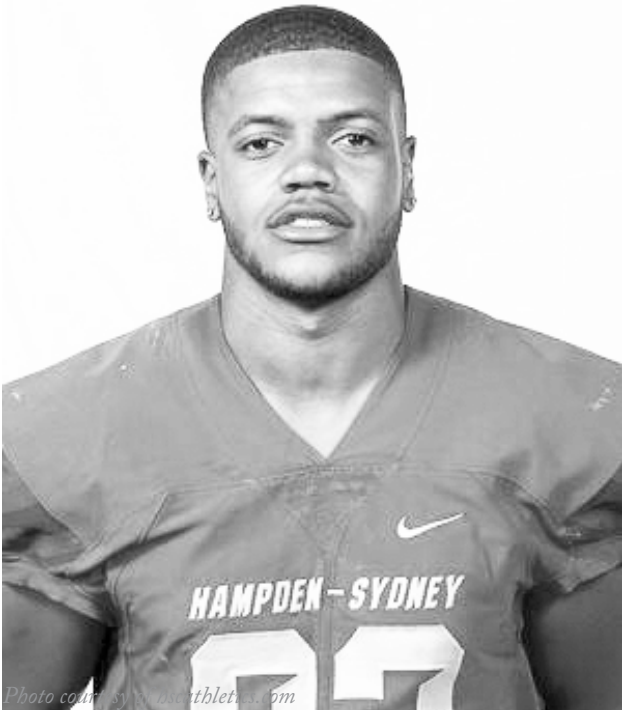


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one season left with us on the Hill. This leaves us with an important question: What will this last season bring for us? Only time will tell.

After catching up with Tramell during the off-season, here were some highlights from our interview: **On our school website, one of the hobbies listed is that you enjoy getting to**

drive me as a person. I am always smiling, making jokes, and highly energetic. By doing this, I hope it becomes contagious to my peers and creates a tight-knit community. I also must give a lot of credit to my family. The charisma they upheld brewed within me, making me Tramell Thompson

For your collegiate

career, you started 14 out of 19 games. Considering football is a physically taxing sport what was the key to that sort of consistency? Honestly, the key mentally is consistency and staying the course. *Realizing all fortunes may not come immediately but knowing success will come soon.* I relate this to a well-spoken artist named Nipsey Husle in his trademark "Marathon not a sprint." I also remind myself of Triple D's (Dedicated, Determined, Discipline) mentality. Physically, drink milk! Haha! Summertime is key to keeping consistency. Between lifting, cardio, and meal plans, I can stay conditioned for upcoming seasons.

Considering this upcoming season you've been selected as a captain, what does that mean to you? What do you think you bring to the table in terms of leadership? It means more than

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STRAUSBURG:
WHAT COULD HAVE BEEN

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On the 24th of August baseball's biggest "what if" called it a career. June 8th, 2010 is a date that baseball and Washington National fans can always look on fondly. On that gorgeous 75-degree afternoon Stephen Strausburg, the first overall pick of the 2009 MLB draft, made his MLB debut in front of a sell-out crowd of 40,315. Strausburg proceeded to throw an absolute gem of a game, striking out 14 of the 20 Pittsburgh Pirates he saw that day, only allowing 2 earned runs and going 7 out of 9 innings. This rookie debut brought hope to a franchise that had not yet seen hope. All Strausburg

did in his tenure as a National was ball out and dominate when he needed to. Alongside his well-known rookie debut, we can also look at his magnificent 2019 playoff run that resulted in him being named the World Series MVP. In 33 and third innings in the 2019 playoffs, Strausburg won five out of the six games he was in with a record of five wins to zero losses, striking out 47 batters, and only earning eight runs to his name. After his legendary post-season run, the Nationals gave him a seven-year 245-million-dollar contract to keep him in D.C. until at least 2026. The unfortunate part of Strausburg's ca-

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NFL BACK ON
THE RISE!

NICK RUBINO '25
STAFF WRITER

The NFL season is coming up fast with a lot of anticipation towards trades and new dynamics of teams. A couple of teams had an eventful offseason that gave them a better chance of what everyone wants at the end of the season, becoming Super Bowl champions. Some of those teams include: *The New York Jets:* The Jets this offseason signed one of the best quarterbacks of his generation, Aaron Rodgers. Aaron Rodgers spent 18 seasons with the Green Bay Packers and finally hung up the towel with them looking for a fresh start. Now, Aaron Rodgers is surrounded by star-studded talent on the offensive side of the ball including Breece Hall, Dalvin Cook, Garrett Wilson, Allen Lazard, Mecole Hardman, and Randall Cobb. On top of their top five defense last season, they are looking to beat out the Buf-

falo Bills in the AFC East and become Super Bowl champs for the second time in franchise history. *The New England Patriots:*

Still in the midst of transitioning from the Tom Brady era, the Patriots did a lot this off-season to compete with the strong AFC East this year. On top of getting a new Offensive Coordinator in Bill O'Brien, they added talent to their offense, including Ezekiel Elliott and JuJu Smith-Schuster on top of what they already have in Rhamondre Stevenson, Devante Parker, Hunter Henry, and Mike Gesicki. The Patriots are trying to end the drought over the past couple of years and make it to the playoffs this year. *New Orleans Saints:*

In the NFC South, the Saints made moves in the offseason that have enough potential to become first in the conference. They signed Derek Carr to a four-year, \$150 million contract on

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STAFF WRITER

For as long as many Hampden-Sydney men can remember, Coach Marty Favret has overseen our beloved football team. As it is often said, though, all good things must end. Coach Favret recently announced that after this 2023 football season, he will retire from being the head coach of the football team and begin his well-deserved period of rest. Thankfully, he agreed to one final pre-season interview and gave me a look at how his goals and character have shaped this team and many before it.

Let me be the first to tell you that his decision to retire has not impacted his goals for the upcoming season. When asked about the team's goals for the season, Coach Favret did not hesitate in saying that the team's goal is "the same as always, [they] want to win the league." One of the most critical

things to winning the league starts with "taking care of our home field" and ultimately winning the six home games at Everett Stadium.



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In true Tiger fashion, Coach Favret makes it clear that he will not let his final season go down without a fight.

To win these upcoming matchups most effectively, Favret looks to lean upon some real talent on the football squad. The coach says he will especially look to First Team All-American safety Will Pickren, the veteran offen-

sive line, First Team All-League running back Melik Frost, and young quarterback Carter Sido to help push the team to strong and deci-

practicing "trust... ownership, effort, and competitive excellence." Coach Favret drills the importance of these values into his players in the hope that these lessons will inspire the team to be their best selves on and off the field. These values correlate directly with Favret's character, for he practices exactly what he preaches.

Even though he is the winningest football coach in Hampden-Sydney College Football history, Favret also comes off as extremely humble about his success. Favret was repeatedly thankful throughout the interview to the people who made his success possible. He was quick to thank the alumni for their generosity in giving to the team, and the coach eagerly pointed out the work that the college staff does to keep the field and equipment in tip-top shape. During the entire interview, Favret illustrated a humble attitude

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A FOND FAREWELL

COACH MARTY FAVRET RETIRES AFTER 23 YEARS

THE PEANUT GALLERY

THREE-POINTERS FROM MR. SHOTWELL

CARTER SHOTWELL
GUEST WRITER-COUNSELOR

Welcome home, Tigers! As the semester gets underway, today I offer strategies for keeping a better calendar. There was a time in your life when you probably didn't need to write down all of your due dates and responsibilities, but that's in the past now. If you spend the first ten minutes of your study time trying to remember what's due for each class, this one's for you.

1. Color code. Assign a specific color for each class or activity. It not only makes your calendar look like a rainbow, but it also helps you quickly see what's coming up for each subject. You can do this whether

you use a paper or a digital calendar.

2. Set reminders. Don't just rely on your memory. Set digital reminders a few days before an assignment is due. That way, you're not caught off guard by that sneaky paper deadline. On the other hand, if your phone has been serving up the same fifteen reminders that you've been dismissing for six months, opt for a visual reminder somewhere in your space. Try leaving yourself a note on your door or laptop keyboard.

3. Check it. Seems like this would go without saying, but it's easy to forget to look at your calendar (take it from someone who knows). You should look at what you have due during the

current week every day, and you should check the week after at least once a week. That way, if you have a particularly heavy week coming up you'll be able to plan ahead. If you have trouble remembering to look at your calendar, try connecting the habit to something you already do. For example, read through the week every morning after you brush your teeth (you do that, right?!) or set your digital calendar to your homepage when you open your web browser.

Mr. Shotwell works in the Office of Academic Success. If your scholastic game is off, he can help you get on track. Email cshotwell@hsc.edu to book an appointment.

CHAIRMAN'S CORNER: A RETURN TO CIVILITY

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As I enter into my final year at the College, I've been thinking about what I learned while here. One of Hampden-Sydney's premier goals is forming gentlemen, and this pursuit has permeated every facet of my experience here. As Tommy Shomo '69 once described, gentlemen are **gentle** men. They cause no harm. They help others. They are respectful and polite. Gentlemen are all these things, but they are also much more. Gentlemen are expected to set the standard of conduct for those around them through their own example. I have noticed a decline in gentlemanly behavior over the last few years. Perhaps it was the COVID-19 pandemic that gave us an excuse to relax the standard. Maybe it is societal decay and weakening emphasis on morality. Quite possibly, we have simply

forgotten it even exists. Regardless, I want to impress upon this community the importance of gentlemanly behavior while urging a return to civility.

To start, let us discuss some remedies that can be easily implemented. First, understand that you must treat everyone with respect and dignity. Help those in need.

use of vulgar language and replace it with proper speech. This is something every one of us can work at, me included. Fourth and finally, monitor your dress. Gentlemen dress professionally in public. When you go to class, put on a collared shirt and at the very least jeans or a pair of nice shorts. Wear pants properly, ensuring

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Support one another. Second, engage in the community. When you walk around campus, take off your headphones and Air Pods. Instead, greet your fellow man with a smile and a handshake. Instead of sequestering yourself away to watch television or play video games, go out and socialize with your brothers. Third, become aware of your speech patterns. Work to reduce your

they do not sag. Put on modest and professional footwear. T-shirts are for the gym and lounging around, not the classroom. Avoid wearing sweatpants or pajamas. Wearing lounge items reduces the seriousness with which people view you and your work.

Make a concerted effort to implement these quick fixes. If everyone buys into the ideal of the Hamp-

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WASHINGTON, CONT'D

[not] interested in ... changing what people believe, but respectfully challenging everyone's beliefs" to ensure that we all see, respect, and value each other and know why we believe what we do.

When asked about the value and efficacy of Affirmative Action programs, Ms. Washington responded, "There is an extreme value in diversifying your student population because ... you are about to enter a world that is extremely diverse." She continued, "Having a space as an institution that everybody can come and thrive is the purpose of higher education and," if we do our jobs properly, "higher education should ... [value] where you are and [empower] you, mold you to be a [well-rounded] kind of thinker." Ms. Washington elaborated that she believes that, for higher education to survive, it's important to have "people of different backgrounds [accessing] one table and sharing their experience."

She further argued that increasing diversity is not enough without the proper infrastructure, expanding, "There is great fault in a lot of institutions increasing numbers without systems to [support]

these students... There is a lot of at-risk students who need supplemental programs, who need support structures. So there is a hidden fault here where we increase the numbers without doing actual work."

Ms. Washington was also asked about her impression of Hampden-Sydney so far, to which she responded that "The Brotherhood" was both her favorite part and what she was most critical of: "I had honest conversations with students who are so well-spoken, and so honest and transparent about their journey in a way that ... is probably unique to Hampden-Sydney ... and I got met by some 'I don't feel like I'm a part of this Brotherhood,' [and] 'I don't feel like this Brotherhood represents me,' which let me know that there was work for me to do." She further elaborated that "the entire campus has to work together" to "[reimagine] the culture of Hampden-Sydney ... I think the most difficult part of working at Hampden-Sydney is we are so entrenched in tradition that sometimes new ideas, though they may be better for the future Hampden-Sydney student ... [they] may not understand how [the new ideas]

can enhance the tradition ... For institutions to continue to serve the modern student things have to evolve in a way that ... stay[s] true to Hampden-Sydney and the things it represents while also honoring the generations to come and making sure they don't feel like they have to conform to something," they are not. "We really pride ourselves on this 'Come in as Boys, Leave Out as Men,' but the definition of a man is [personal]... I think I build my personal philosophy of how I look at this work on a [system where] I don't believe there is a right or wrong way to be a man. Everything is about consistently learning something new from every person that I meet."

Ms. Washington ended by reminding the readers that her office "is an office for everyone," emphasizing, "We need to build this community together where we have all hands on deck. I want to collaborate with everybody. I want to infiltrate every corner that I can, but not just to do the work of racial justice or gender and sexuality justice, to work for everyone" and calling on the students to "help make a better Hampden-Sydney."

TUCKER THOUGHTS: THE ONE WHEREIN I TOOK A SPILL

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I fell out of bed on Saturday. It was an eye-opening experience. I completed, as I plummeted from the top bunk, a train of thought that I'd only experienced while mid-air in various other points in my life where I had, for whatever reason, failed to remain upright. I was in a state of complete acceptance.

There are perhaps few things more humiliating than for a young man to fall down with nobody to blame. It's a loss of something otherwise constant: control of one's physical form. For just a moment, for nobody's fault but our own, the cosmos has its way with us. Physics becomes our stern handler, and pain is its heir. For the briefest of moments, we are no longer at the top of the food chain.

The acceptance of that fact was what struck me. As I quickly departed from my

mattress, it was immediately apparent what was happening to me and what pain would follow. Before I knew it, I had come to terms with the fact that I was being knocked a few pegs down the universal pecking order. And it was no surprise, either. How could I be surprised?

Icarus must have felt this way. The immediate un-

derstanding he felt was my own as I watched my unmade bed rapidly fade away from me. I, suffering the results of my hubris. I, who thought I could safely navigate a bed taller than I am. I, who napped too close to the sun.

It's an atavistic discomfort, to be without the comfort



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of a man for knowing your worth and place in the world.

Know this, men of Hampden-Sydney, as you boldly place one honor-bound foot in front of the other: no man is invulnerable to the gravitational humbling. No man is safe from Newton's Razor.

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a lot. *The thought of more than one hundred of my teammates trusting me to lead them felt honorable.* Understanding what comes with being a captain, especially at a prestigious school like Hampden Sydney, I could not ask for anything better. In terms of bringing production to the table, I bring an aura that builds person-

ality throughout our team. Coach Costello mentioned to me “You must give criticism during wrongdoings but during right doings, the praise must be at an all-time high.” *Helping my teammates realize obstacles comes with the course but there is no better feeling than crossing the finish line.*

NFL, CONT'D

top of an elite offense of Chris Olave, Michael Thomas, Alvin Kamara, and Taysom Hill. On top of being another top-ten defense in the league, the Saints are looking to become the new owners of the

NFC South for the foreseeable future. This season will be an exciting one and one that everyone is asking the same question going in: Who will be the 2023-2024 Super Bowl Champions?

that has positively impacted our Tiger football program for a little over two decades. Furthermore, instead of gloating about his previous successes, he made it clear that he wants to “focus on this team, this year, and getting another ring” before his final season ends. Once more, Favret expressed his commitment and eagerness to find success on the field with the rest of his team—Coach Favret exemplifies what it means to be a Hampden Sydney man. When asked about advice he would give the in-

FAVRET, CONT'D

coming coach and players, Coach Favret said that one must recognize the honor that it is to be a part of the Hampden-Sydney football team. He wanted to caution incoming Tigers to not take their time here for granted because the years “go fast.” Favret also advised to “embrace the uniqueness of Hampden-Sydney,” for there is no place on earth quite like the Hill. His advice again demonstrates his pride and love for the team in the way he wishes the best for the players and their future success. While look-

ing at Coach Marty Favret’s career, one can easily see the on-paper success of the teams that he has coached since he has been on the Hill. What one may not necessarily be able to immediately see without meeting him in person, however, is how well he has led so many young men. Not only does he make them better football players, but Coach Favret also strives to fulfill the college’s goal of forming good men and good citizens. He insists that he is just as proud of his opportunity to form good character in his players as he

is of the games that his team has won. If you ever get the chance, I highly encourage the current Hampden-Sydney brothers and alumni alike to shake Coach Favret’s hand and thank him for his many great years of leadership on the Hill. To support Coach Favret on his final season, make sure to come support and cheer the Tigers to victory on Saturday, September 2nd, as they face off against Wabash in their first home game of the season! ROLL TIGERS!

BRUTON, CONT'D

ing come from Blue Ridge School, he admires the atmosphere that Hampden-Sydney works to create especially the core tenets of forming good men and good citizens which forms the core of the school’s mission and the Wilson Leadership Program. Mr. Bruton believes that Hampden-Sydney creates a unique environment for training young leaders and that the work of the Wilson Leadership Program can be expanded to new areas that have not yet been explored. One of the main examples of the changes that Mr. Bruton will be bringing to the Wilson Leadership

Program is a form of hands-on leadership. Mr. Bruton intends to create an immersive and experiential leadership opportunity at future Wilson Leadership events that will accompany the speakers and other activities that the program puts on for its students. The first of these events will be held on the 15th and 16th of September as a first run to give students in the program a first look at what these new immersive and experientially themed events have to offer. Another core focus of Mr. Bruton’s goals for the Wilson Leadership Program is to keep Juniors and Seniors engaged

and coming back to teach the Freshmen and Sophomores of the program. Doing so will help further disperse the leadership knowledge of upperclassmen to underclassmen. The knowledge of leadership that Mr. Bruton brings to the table will help to improve the Wilson Leadership Program and introduce a whole new aspect to it. It is Mr. Bruton’s hope that all students in the Wilson Leadership Program will benefit from his upcoming “learning to lead from experience” approach that will be making its debut in September.

ANNIVERSARY, CONT'D

versary Committee thus plans to focus on Henry’s contributions to Hampden-Sydney over the course of the semester, with the help of the State of Virginia and Red Hill, Patrick Henry’s mansion. According to Dr. Emmons, the College will host a large “symposium” in the fall of 2025. The event will fo-

cus on “civic virtue” and on “what it means to be a good man and a good citizen.” It will also hopefully feature some descendants of former alumni, faculty, and slaves. The spring of 2026 will be the culmination of everything. There will be a huge celebration ceremony, possibly with fire-

works. Details are not finalized. To help fund the proposed programming, the College has submitted applications for VA 250 grants and will hopefully hear back shortly. In the meantime, the planning stage continues. Let’s look forward to a memorable celebration!

HISTORY, CONT'D

which it burned five and took one with prisoners to Brazil. The *Shenandoah* would make a stop in Australia in January of 1865, where she would take on some new crew and resupply. Sailing now to the Pacific, the *Shenandoah* would destroy a few more Union whalers before sailing north to the Bering Sea. Between the months of May and June of that year the *Shenandoah* claimed another 25 Union whaling ships. However, after the capture of a ship in late June, Captain Waddell was made aware through a newspaper of the

fact that Lee had surrendered. The newspaper also reported that President Davis had called for the war to continue. Keep in mind that Waddell only found out about Lee’s surrender more than two months after it happened. With this, Captain Waddell continued his raids. Then on August 3, 1865, the *Shenandoah’s* wartime efforts would cease, as they learned from a British ship that Jefferson Davis had been captured and various other Confederate armies had surrendered. Knowing

this the crew decided to surrender the ship. However, they would not surrender to the Union, but instead would surrender in England, figuring that the latter option would be safer. The *Shenandoah* then began its voyage back to England and would arrive in the port of Liverpool on November 5, 1865, and surrendered the ship the next day on November 6. Thus, the last Confederate surrender of the Civil War occurred in Liverpool, England, finally bringing to an end any conflict related to the war.

TIGER TALES, CONT'D

stick—a thin, irregular piece of wood, nothing special to look at, but when the boy saw it, something clicked inside him. Within a single second, his brain ran through everything he had ever been conditioned to think and promptly ignored it all. He bent down and pulled the stick from its space among the

tree roots. He planted it in the ground and leaned against it, surveying the forest clearing: vines sneaking down from the treetops like fuzzy serpents, the discarded leaves of the last autumn littering the ground, the pinpricks of sunlight piercing through the canopy. All of it had suddenly become his territory.

It might have seemed perfectly innocent to the boy, but that mental declaration would still prove to be the catalyst for a flood of far-reaching consequences not only for him, but also for his family and for their whole community, and precious little of the social order they had taken for granted would survive.

CHAIRMAN, CONT'D

den-Sydney Man, we would be astonished by the visible change across campus. I urge each of you to contemplate on this, and work to refine yourselves. A good resource on gentlemanly behavior to review is Tommy Shomo’s *To Manner Born, To Manners Bred*.

STRAUSBURG, CONT'D

reer was his injury woes. During his entire 14-year career, Strausburg had an abundance of injuries in his throwing arm requiring Tommy John surgery and multiple rehab assignments. Many Nationals fans have a bad taste in their mouth, especially since signing his extension he pitched in only 8 games and was

a shell of the former star he was. Stephen Strasburg’s contract may go down as one of the worst contract extensions in the history of professional sports but there is no doubt in any baseball fan’s mind that without the injuries we could have possibly been looking at one of the greatest pitchers in the entire game.

CHRISTIAN’S CORNER, CONT'D

to come with his angel in the glory of his Father, and then he will repay each person according to what he has done.” Final judgement, based upon a Christian’s life while on Earth, determines the resting place of a soul, Heaven of Hell. So, what wisdom has been garnered from these verses? Earthly matters may negatively affect the soul, and no earthly matter can guarantee

the soul’s entrance to Heaven. Also, the soul is priceless compared to worldly things because only a soul can go to Heaven. Now, a problem arises. If no Earthly behavior can guarantee the soul’s security, then what will? Perhaps a man named Jesus? As classes toil on and the year progresses, consider what is truly important in regard to the notion of your

soul. Will a report card or a winning record help your soul? What can truly better your soul? The next article will discuss actions that might be done on Earth to better the soul and the role Jesus plays in this bet-terment will be un-replaceable. If you have any questions or concerns, then feel free to contact me mintonj25@hsc.edu. May God bless you and keep you.